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**UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF NEW YORK**

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| ANDREW C. SANKIN, | : |
| | : Civ. Action No. 07-CV-10491 |
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| Plaintiff, | : ECF Case |
| | : |
| -against- | : Jury Demanded |
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| MARK ABESHOUSE and RHONDA | : DECLARATION OF IRA LEE |
| LEONARD, | : SORKIN IN SUPPORT OF |
| | : DICKSTEIN SHAPIRO LLP'S |
| Defendants. | : MOTION FOR LEAVE TO |
| | : WITHDRAW AS COUNSEL FOR |
| | : PLAINTIFF |
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I, IRA LEE SORKIN, hereby declare as follows:

1. I am an attorney-at-law duly admitted to practice before this Court and a partner in the law firm of Dickstein Shapiro LLP ("DS"), attorneys for plaintiff, Andrew Sankin. I submit this declaration in support of DS's motion for leave to withdraw as counsel for plaintiff.
2. DS seeks to withdraw as counsel for plaintiff because I and perhaps others from DS may be witnesses in connection with this action.
3. The firm of Mintz & Gold LLP has agreed to represent plaintiff and has already begun to familiarize itself with the matter.
4. Substitution of counsel will not delay the proceedings.

5. Pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 1746, I declare under penalty of perjury that the foregoing is true and correct. Executed in New York, New York, on this 10th day of January, 2008.

/s/Ira L. Sorkin

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